

**MINUTES
MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LINCOLN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING
1135 "M" STREET, SUITE 200 - LINCOLN ROOM
THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2001
AFTERNOON SESSION
1:30 P.M.**

Commissioners Present: Bob Workman, Chair
Bernie Heier, Vice Chair
Kathy Campbell
Larry Hudkins
Ray Stevens

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Dave Kroeker, Budget and Fiscal Officer
Ann Taylor, County Clerk's Office

The Chair reconvened the Mid-Year Budget Review at 1:30 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- B. Request from Mark Hunzeker to meet with two Commissioners regarding a project that will involve Industrial Development Revenue Bonds

MOTION: Heier moved and Stevens seconded to approve the addition to the agenda. Campbell, Hudkins, Heier, Stevens and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- A. Proposed expansion of the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Board of Directors (Item was added to the agenda in the morning session)

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded to not support a proposal to expand the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Board of Directors. Campbell, Hudkins, Heier, Stevens and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

Hudkins reported on carryover legislation that would give Natural Resources Districts (NRD) the right of eminent domain.

MOTION: Campbell moved and Stevens seconded to inform the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) that Lancaster County is on record in opposition to the legislation and to instruct Gordon Kissel, Legislative Consultant, to inform the Lancaster County Senate delegation of Lancaster County's position. Stevens, Campbell, Heier, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

B. Request from Mark Hunzeker to meet with two Commissioners regarding a project that will involve Industrial Development Revenue Bonds

MOTION: Heier moved and Hudkins seconded to indicate a preference that the issue be brought before the full County Board or, if there are reasons that it should not, that Mark Hunzeker provide a letter of explanation. Stevens, Campbell, Hudkins, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

3 DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. County Board Yearly Calendar

Dave Kroeker, Budget and Fiscal Officer, reviewed the following documents (Mid Year Budget Review packet):

- *Lancaster County Budget Calendar for Fiscal Year 2003*
- *Department Budget Hearing Schedule*
- *Fiscal Year (FY) 2002-03 Tentative Budget Calendar*

Board consensus to hold budget hearings on the following dates:

- Thursday, May 16, 2002
- Thursday, May 23, 2002
- Thursday, May 30, 2002
- Tuesday, June 4, 2002
- Thursday June 6, 2002

The Board will take final action on the Board proposed budget on Thursday, July 18, 2002.

- Memorandum to county agencies regarding the Fiscal Year 2002-03 budget requests

The Board requested that the memorandum be revised to indicate that a reduction may be necessary if there is a reduction in state aid.

B. County Properties

1. Juvenile Detention Facility (Attention Center), 2200 South 10TH Street
2. Trabert Hall, 2202 South 11TH Street

The Board reviewed correspondence from the following regarding potential use of the Attention Center facility:

- Topher Hansen, Executive Director of CenterPointe, Inc. (Exhibit A)
- Kathie Phillips, Lena Merrill Community Learning Center at Saratoga Elementary School (Exhibit B)
- Philip Schoo, Lincoln Public Schools Superintendent; Don Rangel, Saratoga Elementary School Principal; and Lea Ann Johnson and Cathie Petsch, 21st Century Community Learning Centers Coordinators (see agenda packet)
- Kit Boesch, Human Service/Justice Council (see agenda packet)

C. Nash Finch Building, 800 Cattail Road

Don Thomas, County Engineer, appeared and said the square footage cost may be too expensive for the type of equipment that his department would store in the building.

Board consensus to schedule a worksession on February 19, 2002 at 8:30 a.m. with Don Killeen, County Property Manager, to discuss potential use of the Attention Center, Trabert Hall, Nash Finch Building, and Probation's space in the Corrections facility.

D. Palm Pilot Policy

The Board discussed a request from Gary Lacey, County Attorney, for Palm Pilots for attorneys in his office.

MOTION: Heier moved and Campbell seconded to deny the request and to inform the County Attorney in writing of the Board's action.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Hudkins proposed that the letter indicate that the denial was due to tight budget constraints. The maker of the motion and the seconder agreed to the friendly amendment.

ON CALL: Stevens, Campbell, Hudkins, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

E. County Board Offices

Hudkins said this may be an opportune time to reconfigure the County Commissioners Office, as the Human Services Division is being relocated.

Board consensus to move Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, into the office that will be vacated by Kit Boesch, Human Services Administrator, and to maintain the current office configuration, pending the results of the Space Study.

The Chair exited the meeting at 2:20 p.m. and the Vice Chair assumed direction of the meeting.

F. County Elected Officials

Campbell said input from the political parties and the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) is needed before legislation is introduced.

Hudkins said a coalition of metropolitan counties is needed.

Heier suggested that the item be scheduled for discussion at the next Tri-County Meeting (a meeting of the Lancaster, Douglas and Sarpy County Boards).

G. General Legislation

Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, distributed the following materials from Kissel/E&S Associates (Exhibit C):

- List of legislative bills of interest to Lancaster County (includes summaries of some of the bills)
- Table of carryover legislation
- List of enacted and indefinitely postponed bills from the 2001 Legislative Session
- Governor's budget adjustments for 2002

Eagan also reported on Legislative Bill (LB) 1240, a bill which would authorize certain cities to assume responsibilities under the Nebraska Visitors Development Act.

- MOTION:** Campbell moved and Stevens seconded to:
1. Oppose Legislative Bill (LB) 1240
 2. Send a letter to members of the Lancaster County Senate delegation informing them that Lancaster County is on record in opposition to Legislative Bill (LB) 1240, with a carbon copy to Mayor Wesely
 3. Instruct Gordon Kissel, Legislative Consultant, to inform members of the Lancaster County Senate delegation of Lancaster County's opposition to the bill
- Campbell, Hudkins, Stevens and Heier voted aye. Workman was absent from voting. Motion carried.

The Board asked Eagan to coordinate strategy with Douglas County and requested that Mark Essman, Lincoln Convention & Visitors Bureau Director, send a letter to the area hotels/motels informing them that Lancaster County is on record in opposition to the bill.

H. Attendance at Lincoln Independent Business Association (LIBA)
Monthly Meetings

Item covered in the morning session.

4. GRAVEL ROAD REQUESTS

Don Thomas, County Engineer, gave an update on four gravel road requests, noting the property owners have been asked to donate right-of-way and to pay half the cost of the rock:

1. Northwest 70th Street, Adams Street & Superior Street
City Public Works/Utilities is not interested in participating in the project. The University of Nebraska (UNL) and Rich Wiese (property owners) have agreed to donate right-of-way and to pay their proportion of rock costs.
2. North 134th Street (East "O" Street north to Holdrege Street)
Dick Campbell (property owner) would like to review how much right-of-way is needed.
3. North 176th Street south of Davey Road
Property owner has indicated a willingness to donate right-of-way and pay share of rock costs.
4. Wittstruck Road east from Highway 43
No confirmation to date.

Thomas said he would prefer to discuss the gravel road projects with his budget. He also suggested breaking up the Northwest 70th Street, Adams Street & Superior Street Project and said the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District (NRD) has plans to build a dam that may impact the project.

Hudkins said he is reluctant to break up the project and asked Thomas whether his department could get the project done if funds were made available.

Thomas said right-of-way appraisals are the first step and said it would be difficult to proceed with them until more is known about the dam.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded to authorize Don Thomas, County Engineer, to proceed with right-of-way appraisals for the Northwest 70th Street, Adams Street & Superior Street Project, indicating an intent to proceed with the project. Heier, Stevens and Hudkins voted aye. Campbell abstained from voting, due to a conflict of interest. Motion carried.

Board consensus to schedule discussion of the Rocking Dirt Road Policy on a Staff Meeting agenda and to ask the County Attorney's Office to review the County Board's role with regards to roads.

5. BUDGET WRAP-UP

No further business.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Campbell moved and Stevens seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:16 p.m. Campbell, Stevens, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Workman was absent from voting. Motion carried.

Bruce Medcalf
County Clerk